

- 1 1. (Unchanged) A computerized method comprising:
2 accessing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of channels
3 from a plurality of different sources; and
4 selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.
- 1 2. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 providing, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source
3 corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.
- 1 3. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the
3 plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the
4 user-definable preferences list; and
5 sending a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.
- 1 4. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 receiving a user request to provide a new channel; and
3 wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user
4 request.
- 1 5. (Unchanged) The computerized method of claim 4, further comprising:
2 repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to
3 provide a new channel.

1 6. (Unchanged) An article comprising:
2 a storage medium; and
3 the storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when
4 executed by a processor, result in accessing a user-definable preferences list that
5 identifies a plurality of identified channels from a plurality of different sources, and
6 selecting one of the plurality of channels for provision to a user.

1 7. (Unchanged) The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions,
2 when executed by the processor, further result in providing, to the user, one or more of
3 audio and video from a source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of
4 identified channels.

1 8. (Unchanged) The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions,
2 when executed by the processor, further result in accessing, to determine a component
3 corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels, a programming
4 guide database that is independent of the user-definable preferences list, and sending a
5 signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

1 9. (Unchanged) The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions,
2 when executed by the processor, further result in receiving a user request to provide a
3 new channel, wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the
4 user request.

1 10. (Unchanged) The article of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions,
2 when executed by the processor, further result in repeating the accessing and selecting in
3 response to subsequent user requests to provide a new channel.

1 11. (Unchanged) An apparatus comprising:
2 a storage device to store a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality
3 of channels from a plurality of different sources; and
4 a channel selection controller, coupled to the storage device, to access the user-
5 definable preferences list and select one of the plurality of identified channels for
6 provision to a user.

1 12. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:
2 a component controller coupled to the channel selection controller;
3 wherein the channel selection control is to send the selected one of the plurality of
4 identified channels to the component controller, and
5 wherein the component controller is to tune a corresponding component to
6 provide, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the
7 selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

1 13. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the channel selection
2 controller is further to:
3 access, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of channels,
4 a programming/guide database that is independent of the user
5 definable preferences list; and
6 send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

1 14. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the channel selection
2 controller is further to:
3 receive a user request to provide a new channel; and

4 wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user
5 request.

1 15. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the channel selection
2 controller is further to repeat the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user
3 requests to provide a new channel.

1 16. (Unchanged) An apparatus comprising:
2 means for storing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of
3 channels from a plurality of different sources; and
4 means, coupled to the storage device, for accessing the user-definable preferences
5 list and selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

1 17. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:
2 means, coupled to the means for accessing and selecting, for controlling
3 components in an entertainment system; and
4 wherein the means for accessing and selecting is for sending the selected one of
5 the plurality of identified channels to the means for controlling, and wherein the means
6 for controlling is for tuning a corresponding component of the entertainment system to
7 provide, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the
8 selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

1 18. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and
2 selecting includes:
3 means for accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one
4 of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent
5 of the user-definable preferences list; and

6 means for send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

1 19. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing
2 and selecting includes:

3 means for receiving a user request to provide a new channel; and

4 wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user
5 request.

1 20. (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the means for accessing
2 and selecting includes means for repeating the accessing and selecting in response to
3 subsequent user requests to provide a new channel.

1 21. (New) A preferences list for an entertainment system comprising:

2 a channel identifier for each preference to identify each channel; and

3 a source identifier for each preference to identify a source of the preference.

1 22. (New) The list of claim 21, wherein the source identifier, identifies a
2 component of the entertainment system to be used to access the source.

1 23. (New) The list of claim 21, further comprising a list descriptor to
2 distinguish the list from other preferences lists.

1 24. (New) The list of claim 23, wherein the list descriptor includes a user
2 identification

1 25. (New) The list of claim 23, wherein the list descriptor includes a category
2 identification.

1 26. (New) The list of claim 21, wherein the channel identifier is linked to an
2 electronic programming guide containing further information regarding the channel.

1 27. (New) The list of claim 26, wherein the further information regarding the
2 channel includes a tuning component to be used to access a source of the respective
3 channel.

1 28 (New) A method for selecting a channel of an entertainment system
2 comprising:
3 accessing an identified preferences list of channels;
4 identifying a current channel being provided to a user by the entertainment
5 system;
6 determining if the current channel is in the preferences list;
7 in response to a user request to change channels, if the current channel is
8 determined to be in the preferences list, then providing the channel subsequent to the
9 current channel in the preferences list to the user.

1 29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein in response to a user request to
2 change channels, if the current channel is determined to not be in the preferences list,
3 then providing a channel in the preferences list to the user.

1 30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the channel in the preferences list
2 is the first channel in the preferences list.

1 31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the channel in the preferences list
2 is the first channel in the preferences list that has a channel identifier greater than the
3 current channel.

1 32. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein accessing an identified
2 preferences list of channels comprises receiving a user identification from a user,

At 3 presenting a plurality of preferences lists for the identified user, and receiving a selection
Concl 4 of one of the presented preferences lists from the user.
